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the revocation of the person's driving privilege remains in
effect." Va.
Code S 46.2-357(A). This language shows that the legislature
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plated and provided for the continued regulation of individuals
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had received habitual offender status before implementation of the Act.

Perhaps most significant for purposes of this appeal is the fact that the penalty provision for an adjudicated habitual offender's second offense (driving on a suspended or revoked license, see Va. Code S 46.2-357(B)(2)) has not been altered in the least. It states that such an offender shall be "guilty of a felony punishable by confinement in a state correctional facility for not less than one year nor more than five years." Va. Code S 46.2-357(B)(2)&(3). Dawson was sentenced within those parameters; his presentencing report set the statutory minimum and maximum sentences as one and five years respectively.

Based on the foregoing, we find that the Virginia General Assembly evinced its intent to enact a new, stiffer law dealing with those who commit serious traffic violations, and that it drafted the legislation in such a way as to provide saving provisions for the penalties to be imposed on those it previously chose to designate habitual offenders for having accumulated such violations. Because the legislature continues to recognize a class of persons who have already been designated habitual offenders, Dawson's contention that his conviction has been deprived of its "statutory underpinnings" is without merit.

We likewise find Dawson's equal protection argument to be unavailing. Dawson argues that the Act creates a class of habitual offenders who are treated differently under the traffic laws than are those who now commit the same types of infractions. While this is undoubtedly correct, we find the Act's classification scheme to be rationally related to a legislative goal. See *FCC v. Beach Communica-*

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